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Dr. Ing. V. Prandtl presented a paper entitled "Photographic recording of high speed motions of liquid or stock waves by means of high frequency electric sparks." This paper dealt with an experimental method developed at the University of Berlin under the sponsorship and with the financial assistance of AGFA or U.S.C. The writer contributed a discussion. A paper on the same subject was presented by associates of Dr. Prandtl at the 5th International Congress of High Speed Photography in Washington, D.C. on November 18th. Dr. Prandtl is the head of an industrial organization, the Dr. Ing. Franz Prandtl Gmbh in Berlin-Gesell, Germany which produces high frequency electronic photographic lighting apparatus and other instruments developed by this firm on the basis of a highly specialized knowledge of optics and high frequency pulse technique. Since Dr. Prandtl is presently extending his considerable international contacts to the U.S.A. a few remarks concerning his might be of interest. Dr. Prandtl is 69 years old, living in Berlin, East Germany, as the son of a former Dr. Prandtl studied at the Technical University of Berlin. He claims to be the only student of the physics professor at a time when that professor was dismissed and succeeded by the National Socialists and is generally acknowledged having received the basis of his professional knowledge from his professor in this period of intensive journal writing. Dr. Prandtl is a classic

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personality with extensive management and promotional, equal to or surpassing his great powers in applied physics (physics and electronic power techniques). Dr. Pramgal is the author of a book "Fizikalicheskii, Tekhnicheskii Psichologicheskii Kognizivnyi, Al'mi. Psichologicheskii Vest' i Rass'ia Z. G.", Leipzig 1960, which is a combination of a Physics monograph and a how-to-do-it manual. Dr. Pramgal gave it to a Leipzig firm for publication because they offered the right combination of low price and quality workmanship. The first edition of this book was sold out sooner than expected because of an order of 600 copies from U.S.S.R. The second edition is in preparation. Only three copies of the first edition were sold in the U.S.A. According to Pramgal the response to his ideas expressed in a large number of published papers ^{from scientists in U.S.S.R.} has been very much more vital and business and scientific contacts with U.S.S.R. research institutions and personalities, (among them are Profs. Kharlamov and Vaynshteyn of Leningrad University), have been much more active than with the U.S.A. On the basis of Dr. Pramgal's experience it appears that U.S.S.R. scientists are exceedingly pragmatic in respect to new ideas and possibilities while U.S.A. scientists are hesitant concerning the unconvincing until it has been properly related to the established. The Russians, it appears, will take the view with the "bugs", the West hesitates until the "bugs" are eliminated. The writer suspects that Dr. Pramgal's critical comparisons of East and West reactions are slanted because before his present trip to the U.S.A. he has had little direct contact with American colleagues.

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